

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action dated September 27, 2006. Claims 1, 2 and 5-27 are pending (claims 7-20 are withdrawn).

Claim 1 requires that *the plurality of substrates do not form a right angle with respect to said pair of opposed members, and wherein the holding members are angled so as to define an angle which is not a right angle between each holding member and the corresponding one of the opposed members*. Kim fails to disclose or suggest these features of claim 1.

Kim fails to disclose or suggest that *the plurality of substrates do not form a right angle with respect to said pair of opposed members, and wherein the holding members are angled so as to define an angle which is not a right angle between each holding member and the corresponding one of the opposed members*. Instead, Kim teaches directly away from this feature of amended claim 1 because in Figs. 1-2 of Kim the alleged holding members 5 are not slanted relative to members 7, and merely form an angle of 90 degrees therewith. The invention of claim 1 is not suggested or motivated by the cited art.

Claim 25 requires that the *holding members are angled so as to define an angle of not a right angle between each holding member and the corresponding one of the opposed members*. Again, Kim fails to disclose or suggest these features of claim 25.

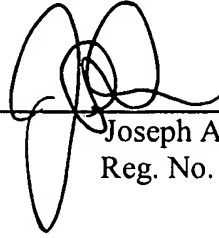
It is respectfully requested that all rejections be withdrawn. All claims are in condition for allowance. If any minor matter remains to be resolved, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned with regard to the same.

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Respectfully submitted,

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